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## 27 armed Pakistani citizens arrested in Afghanistan

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At least 27 Pakistani citizens armed with assault rifles, were arrested by Afghan security forces from eastern Paktika province of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI), said the group was arrested on August 26 while they were travelling in a four-vehicle-convoy that included a military vehicle.

A statement released by MoI, said the vehicle convoy was stopped by border police forces after they entered Afghanistan and were transferred to Kabul for further investigation.

The statement further added that AK-47 rifles, handguns and a Motorola transmission radio were also confiscated from the group.

“We must take incidents like this as potential terrorist threats. Unfortunately this cross-border activity is something Afghanistan has endured for years. Our border police in Paktika and the other border provinces are trained to assess these types of threats and make arrests accordingly. Fortunately this time, the police were able to spot suspicious activity and halt any possible action. They are to be commended.” Sediq Sediqqi Ministry of Interior Affairs Spokesman said.

He said, “Afghanistan’s Ministry of Interior and its police service must protect our border areas from insurgency. Suspicious activity should not and cannot be tolerated”

“Cross border insurgency activity is, unfortunately, an ongoing problem for Afghanistan. It aims to destabilize our government and terrorizes our citizens,” Sediqi added.